permits for exploration of gold. HGML has informed that the company has taken steps like modernization/expansion of its mines and mills, deepening of shafts, exploratory surface/underground diamond drilling, opening up of new satellite mines, searching new gold bearing areas under the reconnaissance permit/prospecting licenses etc., in order to boost production of gold.

**New Mines**

2830. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had found new mines across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the revenue to be generated therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 65 new mines on major minerals were found during the year 2004-05.

(c) The revenue to be generated cannot be assessed at this moment. However, the revenue accrued on account of royalty is collected and retained by respective State Governments.

2831. Cancelled

**Status of proposal for Welfare of disabled**

†2832. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pertaining to the disabled people sent to the State Government of Chhattisgarh during January, 2002 to October,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.